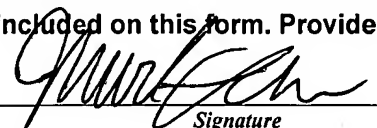
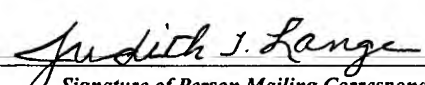


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Applicant(s): Karl Rafeld						
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Invention: HORSESHOE-LIKE HOOF Lining						
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.						
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.